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Dear Sir:

I, WILLIAM R. SUTTERLIN, hereby declare as follows:

1. I reside at 2200 Dozier's Station Road, Columbia, Missouri 65202.
2. I am a PhD candidate at the University of Missouri-Columbia and a Process Chemist for Chem Char in Columbia, Missouri.
3. I have reviewed the patent application entitled "PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CETANE IMPROVERS FROM TRIGLYCERIDES."

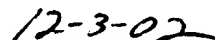
4. The patent application entitled "PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CETANE IMPROVERS FROM TRIGLYCERIDES" discloses targeting the C=C functional groups of fats and oils for nitration.

5. The present invention includes illustrative examples having chemistry that targets the C=C functional groups of fats and oils including the formation of at least one nitrate group on at least one secondary carbon of a C₁-C₄ ester or a triglyceride of a fatty acid and are inherently disclosed in the application—even though the term "secondary" is not used in the description of the invention, the illustrative examples corresponding to the claims are consistent with forming "secondary nitrates" rather than "primary nitrates".

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